

# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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# Journal of the Senate

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**JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the First day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Nineteen.**

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Eighteenth Legislative Day

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:19 o'clock P.M.

## **ROLL CALL**

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 38 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT –38:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

**ABSENT – 0:**

## **INVOCATION**

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Crowley, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Crowley, to lead the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

The Senate Journal of the Seventeenth Legislative Day of the 2019 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Crowley and by unanimous consent, further reading of the Journal is dispensed with and the Journal approved as recorded.

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR**

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communication from Her Excellency, The Governor, transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO**

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

February 21, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-154-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment as Director of the Division of Elderly Affairs within the Department of Human Services:

**Rosamaria Amoros Jones**

VICE

Charles J. Fogarty

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES****COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**

Chairman Lombardo, from the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

***The Reappointment of Peter Alviti as Director of the Department of Transportation***

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 70**

**BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN (Validates and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Middletown, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Middletown on November 6, 2018.)  
{LC517/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 149**

**BY** Coyne

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON - VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER (Ratifies and validates the amendments to the Barrington Home Rule Charter which were approved by the electors of the town of Barrington at the polls on November 6, 2018.)  
{LC1051/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 150**

**BY** Lombardo, Archambault

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - JOHNSTON PLANNING BOARD (Authorizes the Johnston town council to add two (2) alternate members to its planning board.)  
{LC1004/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 222****BY** Paolino, de la Cruz, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD (Ratifies the Home Rule Charter amendments adopted and approved by the electors of North Smithfield on November 6, 2018.)

{LC1088/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 311****BY** Sheehan, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN (Ratifies amendments to the Home Rule charter of the town of North Kingstown adopted and approved by the electors of the town of North Kingstown on November 6, 2018.)

{LC1452/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Chairwoman Lynch Prata, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

***The Reappointment of Trista Piccola, PhD, LISW-S as Director of the Department of Children Youth and Families.***

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

***The Appointment of Patricia Coyne-Fague, Esq. VICE A.T. Wall as Director of the Department of Corrections.***

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 522****BY** Cano, Ruggerio, Metts, Lawson, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARTHA TORRADO

{LC1965/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Cano requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Cano moves passage, seconded by Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Cano and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Luis Torrado, Luis C. Torrado, Andrew Torrado.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019:****1. 2019-S 97****BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY VETERAN AND MILITARY SPOUSE EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Upon motion of Senator McCaffrey, seconded by Senator Algieri, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote:

**YEAS –38:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

**NAYS – 0:**

### CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

#### IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019:

**1. *The Reappointment of Janet Coit as Director of the Department of Environmental Management***

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

Senator Sosnowski moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Conley, Lombardi, Lombardo, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard, Algieri, Satchell, de la Cruz, Rogers, and Murray.

Senators Coyne, Archambault, Bell, Crowley, DiPalma, Pearson, Felag, Sheehan, Goldin, Seveney, Algieri, and Conley discuss the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, on a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative, and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS –36:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

**NAYS – 1:** Senator Bell.

### GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber DEM Director, Janet Coit.

**2. *The Reappointment of Mark Furcolo as Director of the Department of Revenue***

Committee on Finance recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

Upon the motion of Senator Goodwin this item will be moved to the Calendar on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**3. 2019-S 38**

**BY** Murray

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Senator Murray moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Cano, McCaffrey, Crowley, Gallo, Sheehan, Quezada, Lawson, Algieri, Paolino, Rogers, Valverde, DiPalma, and Felag.

The act is read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 36 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS –36:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Murray, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

**NAYS – 0:**

**4. 2019-S 380**

**BY** Gallo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Senator Gallo moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Crowley, Felag, Lombardi, Sosnowski, Nesselbush, Satchell, Archambault, McKenney, Murray, DiPalma, and Seveney.

The act is read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 38 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS –38:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

**NAYS – 0:**

**TRANSMITTAL**

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Secretary's desk are ordered to be transmitted to her Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Secretary of State, and to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Archambault announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Quezada announces that the Committee on Commerce will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Goldin announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 310 of the State House.

Senator Coyne announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet tomorrow at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Nesselbush announces that Women's International Day will meet Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in the State Room of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator McCaffrey wishes Senator Conley a happy belated Birthday.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the Motion of Senator Cano seconded by Senator Goodwin, and upon the suggestion of Senator Cano the Senate adjourns at 5:07 o'clock P.M, in memory of Martha Torrado

**ROBERT L. RICCI**  
Secretary of the Senate

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR ELIZABETH A. CROWLEY**

Dear Lord, remind us as legislators we have a great responsibility to our constituents. Help us to emulate your examples of patience, respect, and kindness to all, as we strive to solve the problems and improve the lives of those we serve. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019:

1. **2019-S 523**  
**BY** Picard  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND HONORING  
OLIVIA BARBOZA AND CONNOR ENESTVEDT, FOR BEING NAMED  
DISTINGUISHED FINALISTS FOR THE 2019 PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF  
COMMUNITY AWARDS  
{LC1809/1}

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019:

1. *The Reappointment of Mark Furcolo as Director of the Department of Revenue*

Committee on Finance recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

## Appendix

## CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019:

1. *The Reappointment of Trista Piccola, PhD, LISW-S as Director of the Department of Children Youth and Families*

Committee on Judiciary recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

2. *The Appointment of Patricia Coyne-Fague, Esq. VICE A.T. Wall as Director of the Department of Corrections*

Committee on Judiciary recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

3. *The Reappointment of Peter Alviti as Director of the Department of Transportation*

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

4. **2019-S 70**  
**BY DiPalma**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN**

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

5. **2019-S 149**  
**BY Coyne**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON – VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER**

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

6. **2019-S 150**  
**BY Lombardo**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - JOHNSTON PLANNING BOARD**

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

7. **2019-S 222**  
**BY Paolino**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD**

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

8. **2019-S 311**  
**BY Sheehan**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN**

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.